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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

The fifty-second congress of the United States opened at Washington on the 15th, and the organization in both branches was perfected by the democrats in accordance with the caucus program.

Mr. Clay Evans, of Tennessee, recently appointed chief assistant postmaster general, arrived in Washington on the 15th, and immediately entered upon the duties of his office.

The United States steamer Constellation, having on board several American artists in Italy and France for exhibition at the Chicago World's fair, sailed from New York on the 15th.

The will of Jay Gould was admitted to probate on the 15th. Special guardian Rollin M. Morgan was given \$500 and Special Guardian Magellan \$100 for services in the probate proceedings before Surrogate Ransom of New York.

With the thermometer down to zero, at St. Mary's, O., on the 15th, the main winds, natural gas into the city burst, leaving the people of the town at the mercy of the frigid weather, there being little wood or coal in the city.

The large food and shoe firm of Deery, Brown, & Co., of Toledo, O., went into the hands of a receiver. The failure caused a tremendous sensation in business and banking circles in that city. The liabilities are \$400,000; assets about \$250,000.

The pope has appointed Rev. S. Rosier, of Albany, N. Y., secretary to the mission of Mr. S. Y. Y. Y., the papal legate to the United States. Father Rosier is vice-rector of the American college in Rome. He has already started for New York.

It is openly charged in Paris that President Carnot and Mr. Ribot are not in earnest in the Panama prosecutions, that they have no intention of bringing the bribe-takers to trial, and that the prosecution of Delessers, Fontaine, Cottu and Eiffel will be nothing more than a farce.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, the lawyer, statesman, politician and millionaire manufacturer, died at his Washington residence, 220 New Jersey avenue, southeast, at 1:50 o'clock on the morning of the 15th. His death was a great surprise, as it was not even known that he was ailing.

IMAGINE, China, has been the scene of another anti-foreign riot, but the disturbance was soon quelled by a force of blue jackets from a British man-of-war. The riot was started by an old woman, who proclaimed her countryman, and the foreigners had desecrated the grave of one of her ancestors.

SENATOR JOHN E. KENNA, of West Virginia, died in Washington, about 3 o'clock on the morning of the 15th, of heart disease, from which he had been suffering for some time. He was 60 years of age, and had been in the United States senate for two years. He was a member of the Democratic party, and had been a member of the United States house of representatives for many years.

JOHN HUNTINGTON, of Cleveland, O., who was very wealthy and prominent among the financiers of the country, and who had been in Europe for the last two years for his health, which he was supposed to have entirely recovered, started from Dresden for home, on the 10th, and died suddenly in London on the 11th.

FOUR Russian nihilists who were arrested in Paris at the instance of the Russian ambassador, were escorted to Calais, on the 15th, by a number of policemen and placed on board a steamer bound for England. The officers waited until the steamer was well out in the channel before starting on their return to Paris.

It was developed, on the 11th, that the firm having the contract to supply Cincinnati's poor families with coal had not delivered any for several days, claiming inability to obtain supplies. Meanwhile, with a stock of 40,000 tons on hand, it was selling to others at double price and allowing the city's poor to freeze.

On the 14th a delegation of congressional clergymen waited upon the Toronto presbytery, in session at Toronto, Ont., and made overtures looking to a union between the Presbyterian and Congregational bodies in Canada. The reception given to the delegation was hearty, and a joint conference was arranged for.

GEX. DODDS, who conducted the recent successful French campaign against King Behanin of Dahomey, telegraphed to the ministry of marine on the 11th, that he had made a tour of Dahomey as far as Grand Popo, traveling the entire distance without an escort, from which fact it is thought the pacification of the tribes is complete.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the seven days ended on the 15th, number, for the United States, 281, and for Canada, 20, or a total of 301, as compared with a total of 340 for the previous week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 350, representing 287 failures in the United States and 63 in the Dominion of Canada.

It is announced that under the rule of Trustee Duss, of the Economic society, of Economy, Pa., the purchase of land and stock raising, which have not been profitable for some time, are to be abandoned, while the bricklayers, saw-mills and all the manufacturing interests that have not involved an actual loss to the society will be retained and operated with renewed vigor and on approved principles.

On the 10th a Baltimore & Ohio local freight train ran away on a heavy grade at Bowman station, on top of the Allegheny mountains, and dashed into a coal train just ahead killing fifteen men of the local freight and injuring two brakemen.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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